



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Andrea Pein

Serial No: 09/973,275

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Title: WATER-JET DEVICE FOR SEPARATING A  
BIOLOGICAL STRUCTURE

Examiner: Thach H. Bui Art Unit: 3752

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June 14, 2004 Attorney's Docket No.: JAA208A3

**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 11, 2004 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on June 11, 2004. Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**